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SUBJ: PARSKY VISIT

REF: STATE 72739

1. WELCOME PARSKY VISIT. DESPITE ITS BREVITY, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ARRANGE WORTHWHILE SCHEDULE. ASSUME PARSKY WILL BE ARRIVING GF 482 AT 1540 HOURS LOCAL APRIL 12 AND DEPARTING KUWAIT AIRWAYS 653 AT 0845 HOURS APRIL 13. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR LATER ARRIVAL AND EARLIER DEPARTURE, THESE FLIGHTS ARE ONLY ONES WHICH WOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME IN DOHA FOR ABBREVIATED PROGRAM. AS DEPT AWARE, GOQ SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE TO SUCH LIGHTENING VISITS BUT EQUALLY SENSITIVE TO BEING LEFT OUT OF USG VIP TOURS IN GULF.

2. WE WILL SEE A LATE AFTERNOON APPOINTMENT ON APRIL 12 WITH GOQ MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, WHO IS ALSO AMIR'S SON. BELIEVE PARSKY MAY HAVE MET ABDUL AZIZ WHEN HE ATTENDED WORLD BANK/IMF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON LAST SEPT. ALTHOUGH ABDUL AZIZ GENERALLY WEAK ON SUBSTANCE OF HIS JOB, AT MINIMUM, COURTESY CALL ESSENTIAL. THAT SAME EVENING AMBASSADOR ALSO PLANNING SMALL DINNER TO

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INCLUDE TWO OF GOQ INVESTMENT BOARD ADVISORS, AND POSSIBLY

PETROLEUM MINISTRY OFFICIALS. UNFORTUNATELY, ABD AL QADIR AL QADI, GOQ DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SINGLE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL ON FINANCIAL MATTERS, WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY DURING PARSKY VISIT.

3. SINCE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS EXTREMELY TIGHT, WE HAVE HAD TO BOOK PARSKY AND CLEARY IN DIFFERENT, BUT NEARBY, HOTELS. IF THEY WILLING TO SHARE AMPLE DOUBLE BEDROOM/SITTING ROOM ACCOMMODATION THEY CAN BE BOOKED IN SAME HOTEL.

4. PLEASE ADVISE FIRM ITINERARY SO THAT WE CAN REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH ABDUL AZIZ AND PLEASE INFORM RE PREFERENCE FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS SOONEST. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT GULF AIR FLIGHTS OFTEN SUBJECT TO LENGTHY DELAYS.  
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